

ACADEMIC INFORMATION SERVICES

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Academic Information Services at NMU

The curriculum in Academic Information Services is designed to enhance all disciplines. Students explore the changing roles of information and work toward goals of information literacy and technological competency. Some courses, such as Introduction to Information Resources, acquaint students with print and electronic resources and information technology. Others provide background for the pursuit of professional degrees in library and information science.

Academic Information Services Courses

The courses Academic Information Services offers are designed to provide library and information skills applicable to a wide range of disciplines. They also provide a knowledge base for students who expect to enter a graduate program in library and information science at another school. NMU does not offer a degree in library and information science.

Department Facilities and Resources

Academic Information Services includes the Lydia Olson Library, University Archives, Academic Computing Services, Instructional Media Services, and Instructional Technology.

Lydia Olson Library

The library contains books and journals and provides access to numerous databases. As a depository for U.S. and Michigan government publications, Olson Library houses government documents and a map collection. The juvenile/young adult collection also has textbooks and media supporting teacher education.

Library facilities include wired and wireless network access for students' laptop computers, study areas, conference rooms, photocopy machines, microform printers, audiovisual and multimedia equipment.

Librarians offer personal guidance in the use of the online catalog, indexes, abstracts, reference sources, online databases and Internet sources. Students are encouraged to seek assistance in accessing and evaluating the many resources available. Library tours and instructional presentations are offered to help students

become familiar with the library and information resources and to help them develop their research skills.

Current information about the Olson Library can be found by going to the library Web site at www.nmu.edu/olsonlibrary.

Academic Computing Services (ACS)

Staff in Academic Computing provides support to students and faculty for general computing needs. Classroom and lab facilities are available, and the Help Desk offers technical and software support for laptop computers. Current information about Academic Computing can be found at www.acs.nmu.edu.

Central Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan University Archives

The Central Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan University Archives are under the direction of a professional archivist who manages the records of the university, and collects, organizes, preserves and encourages the use of historical materials relating to NMU and the central Upper Peninsula. Current information is available at www.nmu.edu/archives.